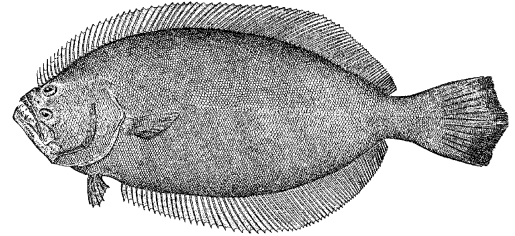


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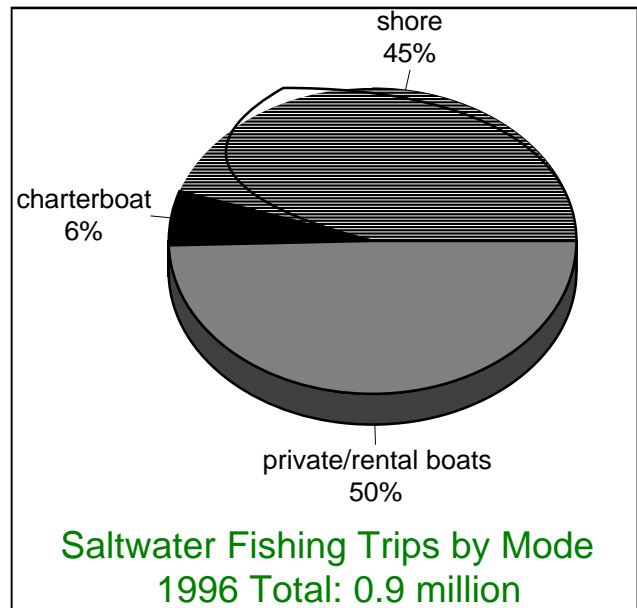
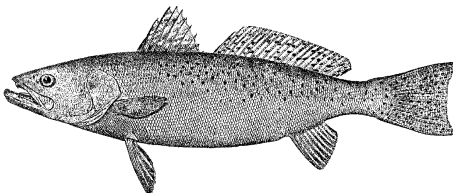
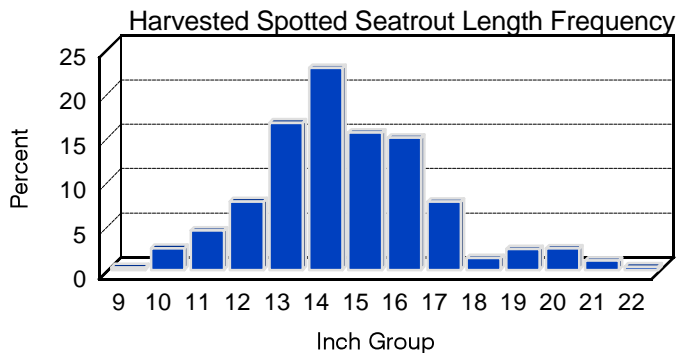
1996 Fact Sheet



Mississippi



Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
ATLANTIC CROAKER	296	73	341
SAND SEATROUT	833	348	284
SPOTTED SEATROUT	283	362	559
SOUTHERN FLOUNDER	246	292	44
SHEEPSHEAD	81	217	42



DID YOU KNOW?

- ➡ Nearly 231,000 anglers participated in Mississippi's recreational saltwater fishery in 1996.
- ➡ Over half of the saltwater fish caught in Mississippi in 1996 were from the drum family.
- ➡ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 85 different species of fish caught in Mississippi waters.
- ➡ Over 26,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at Mississippi fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.